

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (previously presented): An optical member in which a surface of an optical material is bonded to and covered with a protective film having an outer surface roughness Ra of from 0.03 to 1  $\mu\text{m}$ , wherein the protective film comprises a protective base and an adhesive layer disposed on the protective base so that the protective base can be released together with the adhesive layer from the optical material.

2. (currently amended): The optical member according to claim 1, wherein the protective film is disposed on one surface of the optical material, and a separator is provided on an adhesive layer disposed on the other surface of the optical material ~~via another adhesive layer~~ so that the separator can be released from the adhesive layer.

3. (original): The optical member according to claim 1, wherein the optical material comprises a polarizing plate.

4. (previously presented): The optical member according to claim 1, wherein the optical material comprises a polarizing plate, and at least one of a retardation plate and a brightness enhancement plate.

5. (currently amended): An optical member in which an adhesive layer disposed on an outermost surface of an optical material is provisionally bonded to and covered with a separator having an outer surface roughness Ra of from 0.03 to 1  $\mu\text{m}$  so that the separator can be released from the ~~optical material~~ adhesive layer.

6. (currently amended): The optical member according to claim 5, wherein the separator is provided on the adhesive layer disposed on one surface of the optical material, and a protective film comprising a protective base and an adhesive layer disposed on the protective base so that the protective base can be released together with the adhesive layer from the optical material is provided on the other surface of the optical material.

7. (previously presented): The optical member according to claim 5, wherein the optical material comprises a polarizing plate.

8. (previously presented): The optical member according to claim 5, wherein the optical material comprises a polarizing plate, and at least one of a retardation plate and a brightness enhancement plate.

9. (original): A liquid crystal display having an optical member according to claim 1.

10. (previously presented): The optical member according to claim 1, wherein the protective film has an outer surface roughness Ra of from 0.04 to 1  $\mu\text{m}$ .

11-12. (canceled)

13. (previously presented): The optical member according to claim 5, wherein the separator has an outer surface roughness Ra of from 0.04 to 1  $\mu\text{m}$ .

14-15. (canceled)

16. (previously presented): A liquid crystal display having an optical member according to claim 5.

17. (currently amended): An optical member ~~in which a surface of an optical material is bonded to and covered with a protective film having an outer surface roughness Ra of from 0.03 to 1  $\mu\text{m}$ , wherein the optical member comprises a~~ according to claim 3, wherein the polarizing plate

~~having~~ has a transparent protective layer on one or both faces of a polarizing film, ~~and the protective film is disposed on the transparent protective layer of the polarizing plate.~~

18. (previously presented): The optical member according to claim 17, wherein the protective film is disposed on one surface of the optical material, and a separator is provided on the other surface of the optical material via an adhesive layer.

19. (previously presented): The optical member according to claim 17, wherein the optical material comprises at least one of a retardation plate and a brightness enhancement plate.

20. (previously presented): The optical member according to claim 17, wherein the protective film has an outer surface roughness Ra of from 0.04 to 1  $\mu\text{m}$ .

21. (canceled)

22. (previously presented): The optical member according to claim 17, wherein the separator has an outer surface roughness Ra of from 0.05 to 1  $\mu\text{m}$ .

23. (previously presented): A liquid crystal display having an optical member according to claim 17.

24. (currently amended): An optical member ~~in which a surface of an optical material is provisionally bonded to and covered with a protective film having an outer surface roughness Ra of from 0.03 to 1  $\mu\text{m}$~~  according to claim 17, wherein a reflecting layer having a fine undulating structure is disposed on the protective ~~film~~ layer.

25. (previously presented): An optical member according to claim 24, wherein the reflecting layer is formed by attaching metal directly onto the surface of the protective layer.

26. (previously presented): A liquid crystal display having an optical member according to claim 24.

27. (previously presented): An optical member according to claim 1, wherein the protective film has an outer surface roughness Ra of from 0.05 to 1  $\mu\text{m}$ .

28. (previously presented): An optical member according to claim 1, wherein the protective film has an outer surface roughness Ra of from 0.06 to 1  $\mu\text{m}$ .

29. (canceled)

30. (previously presented): An optical member according to claim 5, wherein the separator has an outer surface roughness Ra of from 0.05 to 1  $\mu\text{m}$ .

31. (previously presented): An optical member according to claim 5, wherein the separator has an outer surface roughness Ra of from 0.06 to 1  $\mu\text{m}$ .

32. (new): The optical member according to claim 1, wherein the protective film is a light-transmitting protective film.

33. (new): The optical member according to claim 5, wherein the separator is a light-transmitting separator.

34. (new): The optical member according to claim 7, wherein the polarizing plate has a transparent protective layer on one or both faces of a polarizing film.

35. (new): The optical member according to claim 34, wherein a reflecting layer having a fine undulating structure is disposed on the protective layer.